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Ms. Smith:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION SUBMITTAL OF
DATE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION RELATED TO INCOMPLETENESS
DETERMINATION OF THE NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION FOR THE
OPERATION OF PORTABLE EXHAUSTERS SUPPORTING SINGLE-SHELL TANK
WASTE RETRIEVAL AT THE 241-A AND 241-AX TANK FARMS

References: See page 3

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submitted the original application for the operation of portable exhausters to support retrieval of 241-A and 241-AX tank farms on February 23, 2016 (Reference 1). The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) deemed the application incomplete on April 18, 2019, by letter 19-NWP-063 (Reference 2). Ecology requested the additional information by June 26, 2019 (Reference 3). DOE asked for additional time to provide the information on June 26, 2019 (Reference 4), and Ecology granted the request on July 19, 2019 (Reference 5).

In 19-NWP-063, Ecology cited four areas in which it believes that the original application was not complete. While DOE submitted a complete application in 2016 based on existing information, DOE agrees to provide supplemental information to update the Notice of Construction application to address Ecology's comments. After clarifying the issues with Ecology staff on July 10, 2019, DOE will provide the requested updated information to supplement the original application for the operation of portable exhausters to support retrieval of 241-A and 241-AX farms by November 1, 2019.

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